

NAVASA

**NATIONAL YOUNG COMMUNITY
LEADERS RECOGNITION
(NYCLR)**

2003 Application Package

DESCRIPTION

Since 1995, the National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) holds the tradition of being the first independent and only national consortium of Vietnamese American service agencies that provides support and technical assistance to its affiliate members by strengthening its national advocacy capability and promoting the integration of the younger and older generations of the Vietnamese-American community into mainstream American society.

To continue this tradition, NAVASA will launch the first National Young Community Leaders Recognition to individuals from ages of 18 to 35. NAVASA aims to nationally recognize young Vietnamese Americans who have been taking part in empowering and developing their community in many different ways.

NAVASA calls on friends, members, and supporters of the Vietnamese-American community to encourage and support individuals whom they know have worked or have been working in the community to apply to this Leader Recognition.

The Recognition is made possible and generously funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in Washington D.C through the National Ethnic Community Self Help Project.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this recognition is to nationally recognize young and upcoming professional Vietnamese leaders who have worked, and continue to work, endlessly in various sectors on behalf of the community in which they live.

Through this recognition, NAVASA will create the nation's first Leadership Institute specifically for young Vietnamese-Americans, who have strongly demonstrated an indefinite commitment, passion, and a clear vision toward building and bridging the Vietnamese-American communities across the country. NAVASA's Leadership Institute will mentor, network, and nurture the recipients throughout their public services careers and to ensure that they continue to contribute to the community in many different ways.

RECOGNITION

The Recipient (s) will have his/her travel and accommodation expenses paid by NAVASA to attend the 2003 National Recognition Ceremony to be held in Orange Country, California. Recognition will take place at the National Conference Reception on Thursday July 24, 2003. This includes free leadership training workshops and opportunities to meet and network with distinguished leaders from across the country.

This Recognition is a stepping stone for Vietnamese American mutual assistance associations and a call to action and training for young Vietnamese American activists and leaders. Selected recipients will become members of NAVASA Leadership Institute and the first cohort to the Institute. This is one component of NAVASA's extended

invitations for recipients to attend future development, training, mentorship and networking sessions provided and/or recommended by NAVASA. In addition, recipients are expected to work closely with NAVASA and other cohort fellows at creating future recognitions, conferences, and national programs to continue empowering and developing young Vietnamese-American lives and communities across the United States.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

You are eligible to apply to this Recognition if you are:

1. Between the age of 18-35.
2. A U.S Citizen or U.S. permanent resident.
3. Attended/Attending (private, public, or vocational) school. Please indicate highest level of education completion.
4. Contributing to the community through various past and present activities.

Application Process:

Complete applications must be received by NAVASA office by Friday May 16, 2003, 5pm Eastern Standard Time. FAX and LATE applications will not be accepted. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Email thanh.tran@navasa.org only if there are questions prior submitting the application.

Send your application to:

NAVASA
National Recognition Review Committee
1010 Wayne Avenue
Suite 310
Silver Spring, MD. 20910

NAVASA will notify the winners no later than Monday, June 2, 2003.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the following requested information by Friday, May 16, 2003.

(1) Three Personal Essays (see attachment).

Please type all essays. There is no format limitation. However, do not exceed three (3) pages for the total of three (3) essays.

(2) Three letters of nomination (academia, community, and/or friend).

Each letter needs to clearly and uniquely support your application for this national Recognition. Each letter will explain how you as an individual contributed, or continue to contribute to your community. *Please have each nominator include his/her resume along with the letter of nomination. Each letter*

is limited to one page. Please duplicate form for each nominator (**see attachment**).

(3) A resume or a list of activities, including highest level of education completion, leadership training, and volunteer experience.

(4) Application form (see attachment).



National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA)

Young Community Leaders Recognition Application Form

PERSONAL ESSAYS

Please type all essays. There is no format limitation. However, do not exceed three (3) pages for the total of three (3) personal essays.

Answer the following questions:

- A. Explain how the community in which you live has shaped who you are today and as tomorrow's leader.
- B. Recall an unforgettable event in your community works in which you have participated in. Was this event a success or a failure? Why? What did you learn from it?
- C. With your continuing contributions, how will the community you serve be enriched, improved, and transformed into a better world for the next generation?

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

U.S. Citizen (check): Yes _____ No _____

Permanent Resident (check): Yes _____ No _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

School (s) Attending/Attended: _____

Location (s): _____ Graduation Date: _____

G.P.A.: _____ Credits Earned: _____

Major (s)/Minor (s): _____

I certified that I am the above applicant. All above data and/or information given are true and correct.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

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